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Column One
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THERE is, of course, colonialism and colonialism. There is the Georgian kind, which admittedly is peripheral, and the Cypriot kind, which is definitely of the genus; and the kind represented by the southern Kuriles, where Russia's motive, like Britain's in Cyprus, is mainly strategic although the result raises fewer moral problems. Soviet Russia is not, strictly speaking and in the manner of Britain, or France, a colonial Power, although it would be fair to say that Soviet dominion over part of Europe and a vast tract of Asia is without doubt the result of a ruthless colonialism practised by a succession of Czars.

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IT would be an exaggeration, taking either the Caucasus (acquired by imperial brutality), with particular reference to Georgia, or the Kuriles, incorporated in the Soviet Republic after the defeat of Japan and now wanted back by the Japanese, as the starting point, to accuse the Russians of the self-same colonialism as they accuse Britain. But it is fairly evident that there is a good deal of glass in the Communist house from which stones are thrown at the imperialist West. It might even be said that the rioting Georgians have just broken a few panes.

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AS for the Kuriles, they may be a different matter but it is not easy to tell how different. They are a chain of small islands with a total area of well over 6,000 square miles (Israel has just under 8,000), and they became effectively Japanese in 1875, after Russia had withdrawn from the islands in return for Japanese recognition of the Russian right to Sakhalin. It was a Dutchman who found the Kuriles, Martin de Vries, a navigator; but the Russians from Kamchatka worked their way into the northern group, among the thick forests, in search of bear and other furred beasts, and were responsible for the name given to the whole archipelago; for Kurile, I am told, derives from the Russian kurit, to smoke, in allusion to the smoke-belching, volcanic mountains of the group.

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BUT the aborigines are certainly not Slav and have little in common with any other of the Russian peoples, who would be indignant if it were suggested that they had. And in any event, the southern Kuriles were Japanese away in historical remoteness and the whole group was thoroughly Japanized after 1875.

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THE trouble is that this territorial issue seems to be holding up Russo-Japanese peace negotiations. Other matters formerly in dispute, affecting trade, fisheries and the repatriation of Japanese prisoners of war, seem to have been settled amicably enough; but there is little prospect, at the moment, of Russian willingness to hand over the southern part of Sakhalin and the Kuriles to Japan or even to withdraw its claim to the three southern islands where Japan's historical rights are undisputed. The negotiations have not been broken off and probably will not be; but with the Soviet leaders visiting London where the Russo-Japanese peace talks have been taking place, it is not expected that any progress will be made. The Japanese ambassador to Britain, Mr. Matsumoto, may take the opportunity to go home to Tokyo for fresh instructions.

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FROM all accounts the fresh instructions are likely to be conciliatory. The Prime Minister, Mr. Hatoyama, whose political position will be much strengthened when, as is planned, he is elected to the chairmanship of the Conservative Party, is said to be anxious for a settlement that will give Japan, in the Far East, something of the advantages vis-a-vis the conflicting great Powers that Egypt has in the Middle East. One way and another, however, the problem remains: when is colonialism not really colonialism? The answer, perhaps, is this: when the other side, in this instance the aborigines of the Kuriles, do not care twopence who sits over them; and when the alternative authority, in this instance Japan, thinks the surrender of a group of smoky islands a fair price to pay for Soviet goodwill.

Jerusalem, March 19.

Hussein Seeks New Anti-Israel Front

King Hussein of Jordan will shortly make a tour of Arab countries to confer with kings and Heads of State in order to weld the Arab world into a common defence front against the "Israel danger." This was announced last night in Amman by Bahjat Talhouni, the Chief Royal Chamberlain, on his return from talks in Egypt with Premier Abdul Nasser and King Saud of Saudi Arabia.

He went to Cairo yesterday with a special message from King Hussein replying to one delivered to the King on Saturday from Abdul Nasser, King Saud and President Shukri el Kuwatly of Syria.

The three Arab leaders, who had been holding talks in Cairo, reportedly renewed their offer to Jordan for financial aid to replace Britain's £12.5m. annual subsidy, and to have urged Jordan to join a unified Arab plan to meet aggression from Israel.

Talhouni flew into Cairo, but turned his plane to Suez when he learned that Abdul Nasser was there bidding farewell to the Saudi Arabian King. While the contents of the Hussein reply were not known, informed sources in Cairo said that the three Arab leaders made a strong attempt to woo Jordan into the "southern tier."

King Saud delayed his departure for an hour while he, Abdul Nasser, and Talhouni conferred. The latter two then journeyed by train to Cairo where they met with President Kuwatly before the latter left for Alexandria to continue his vacation.

Meanwhile, Cairo Radio reported that Jordan has refused an Iraqi plan for a political, economic and military union of the two Hashemite Kingdoms. This scheme was advanced by King Faisal of Iraq in his recent meeting with the Jordan ruler. The latter merely told him that Jordan was ready to receive Iraqi military aid should the necessity arise.

(ANA, NEARS, Reuter, UP)

EGYPTIAN GRANT FOR JORDAN GUARDS

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — The Egyptian Government tonight announced a grant of LE100,000 for the Jordanian National Guard.

Lebanese Quake Toll May Rise

BEIRUT, Sunday (Reuter). — Squads of police, firemen and soldiers today were still digging and searching for bodies in ruins of houses toppled by earthquakes in Southern Lebanese villages.

Reports of damage continued to pour in from outlying villages in south Lebanon and it was feared that the total death toll in the worst earthquake this country has experienced this century might rise to above 150. All the reports came from the south. The northern part of the country, though shaken, appeared to have escaped damage.

Sahir, about 45 kms. south of Beirut, was the worst hit by the series of quakes on Friday night and early yesterday in which 130 Lebanese were killed and about 200 others injured, according to latest Government figures. Officials here said it was miraculous that only 35 inhabitants of Sahir had been killed and 23 injured.

A pall of fear and numbness still gripped the village's Moslem community of 4,000 farmers. Their village, on the side of towering boulderstrewn hills in the Mount Lebanon area appears to have been near the epicentre of the quakes. Part of the road which winds up a mountainside to the village has disappeared and fallen down a steep ravine.

Unconfirmed reports put the number of homeless at 10,000. Damage was estimated at about £1.5m. Officals at Ksara Observatory said today that 10 tremors were registered on their instruments between Friday night and early on Saturday. The main centre of the quake was the Jezzin area near Mount Lebanon.

Lloyd Takes Back to London Gloomy Picture of Mid-East

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The British Cabinet will shortly reappraise its policies towards the Middle East in the light of reports brought back to London by Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, diplomatic sources here said.

Mr. Lloyd returned last week from a tour which took him to seven Middle Eastern capitals. In each he had talks with Government leaders about the complexity of political pressures now being exerted in what was until a few years ago a traditional Western sphere of influence.

The picture he brought back is a gloomy one. It shows not only a continuing threat to Western positions from rising Arab nationalism and unabated hostility between the Arab States and Israel, but imposed over the whole canvas is a spectre of Communist encroachment driving towards the whole African continent.

In the short term the biggest danger to Britain is the effect of internal conflicts and anti-Western feeling on the oil supplies flowing from half a century of investment upon which the British economy is now dependent.

The Western powers agreed some time ago that first priority in the task of placating the area itself and building its resistance to the new Soviet drive for influence should be given to bringing about a peace settlement between Israel and her Arab neighbours.

Peace More Remote

Mr. Lloyd's talks in Cairo with Colonel Abdul Nasser and in Jerusalem with Mr. David Ben-Gurion have shown that this prospect is now even more remote than ever. Abdul Nasser insists that Arab unity, regarded by many Middle Eastern experts as a great dread, must precede a settlement with Israel. Even then, peace could be found only on acceptance by Israel of a very much smaller State than that which emerged victoriously from the 1948 war with the Arabs. Mr. Ben-Gurion told Mr. Lloyd that any territorial concession by Israel was unthinkable, these sources said.

The overriding aim of the Western Powers is bound therefore to be not the achievement of a peace settlement but the prevention of war, the risk of which has increased with the supply of arms to Egypt by the Communist bloc.

Meanwhile, the West will continue to look for a reconciliation between the Egyptian-led group of Arab States and Iraq, which angered most of the Arab world by allying herself with Britain, Pakistan, Turkey and Persia in the Baghdad pact.

But the Baghdad pact is not the only issue between Britain and Egypt at present. The Government here, which feels that it has gone to the limit in helping the Egyptian regime establish itself, is strongly resentful of what it holds are attempts by Egypt to undermine British positions in other countries in the area.

In Libya, where Britain maintains military bases, Egyptian influence is also gaining ground.

Britain has already re-emphasized her faith in, and determination to make, the Baghdad association a growing concern. Observers here believe that, notwithstanding the sentiments of Abdul Nasser, Mr. Lloyd is likely to advise even greater support for her declared friends in the Middle East though urging that greater emphasis should be put on economic rather than military help.

He will not urge recruitment of more members, but will press the U.S. for a bigger show of enthusiasm for the organization which she has so far declined to join.

Some observers here say that the weakness of this policy is its virtual dependence upon a friendly government in Iraq. Nuri e-Said, the veteran Prime Minister, is probably Britain's oldest and staunchest friend in the Arab world. But, according to political circles in Baghdad, he is encountering increased hostility to his policies and the question of his successor—Nuri is 70—is anything but certain.

Sharett Reports On Lloyd's Visit

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, reported on last week's visit here of the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, and on other developments in foreign affairs, at the weekly session of the Cabinet yesterday.

The Cabinet ratified the treaty for economic cooperation with Burma.

The session was held in Tel Aviv, as most Ministers wished to attend the Histadrut Convention there.

Burns Agrees To Probe Egyptian Troops on Lines

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The U.N. Truce Supervision Organization will investigate Israel's charge that Egyptian troops are massing on the borders as soon as the Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission makes the necessary arrangements with the Egyptian authorities.

This apparent change of attitude on the part of the Chief of Staff of the T.S.O., Maj-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, was contained in a letter from him to the Director of the Armistice Affairs Department of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Yosef eTkoah, delivered on Friday afternoon.

Israel complained to the M.A.C. on March 11 that Egyptian troop concentrations on her border were of a menacing nature.

Calling for an immediate investigation, Israel said, "Increasing numbers of Egyptian fighting forces have been massing in the Gaza and el-Arish areas in violation of Article VII of the Armistice Agreement. These troop concentrations comprise heavy armour and other offensive arms far in excess of defence requirements, and constitute a direct threat to Israel's security."

The following day, Gen. Burns indicated that no immediate investigation would be carried out, arguing that a "single investigation" would not be practical. He stated that both sides in the past have made complaints of this nature, and that it would be preferable if both sides would submit to a "simultaneous investigation."

Following this rebuff of the request for an immediate probe, Israel on March 14 complained in a letter to the Security Council that the situation in the Gaza Strip had "deteriorated sharply" and that there had been a "menacing build-up" of Egyptian forces along the border.

The letter went on to say, "The heightened tempo of Egyptian aggression on the border and the troop build-up have been accompanied by an increase in Egyptian activity against Israel."

The Egyptian delegate to the U.N. said in reply that such complaints should be addressed to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Two days later, last Friday, Gen. Burns addressed his letter to the Foreign Ministry stating that the investigation would take place as soon as arrangements could be made with the Egyptians.

He also spoke vaguely of "alleged" Egyptian complaints against Israel, and he asked for Israel's cooperation in investigating such complaints under Article VII of the Armistice Agreement. Gen. Burns further asked that Israel give U.N. Observers full freedom of movement to make such investigations.

It is understood that there are no outstanding Egyptian complaints under Article VII on M.A.C. records. All Egyptian charges during the past year, which have been of a relatively minor nature in comparison with Israel's present complaint, have been cleared.

Israel has in the past made it clear that it would give the T.S.O. its fullest cooperation, including freedom of movement for U.N. Observers, for investigations.

It is expected that a letter in reply to Gen. Burns' request for cooperation will be sent by the Foreign Ministry in the next few days.

Arab Legion Ousting Six More Britons

Maj.-Gen. Radi Anab, Commander of the Arab Legion, has decided to dismiss another six British high-ranking officers under his command, the Old City daily "Falastin" reported yesterday.

It said that he has submitted the list to the Jordan Government.

SHISHAKLY MOOTED FOR COMMAND

The Beirut newspaper "El Hadaf" yesterday said that it is possible that Col. Adib Shishakly, the former Syrian dictator, will be appointed chief of the Egyptian-Saudi Arabian joint military command. The present chief is Gen. Abdul Hakim Amer, the Egyptian Chief of Staff and War Minister.

The paper reported that this decision was made at the recent Cairo conference of the Heads of State of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

Shishakly last Thursday passed through Beirut en route to Saudi Arabia.

ANGLO-JEWRY URGES ARMS FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — Expressing the grave anxiety of the British Jewish community at recent developments between Israel and the Arab States, "resulting in the recrudescence on all sides of Israel of border incidents," the Board of Deputies of British Jews today renewed "its urgent plea to the British Government to provide Israel with defensive arms to withstand threatened aggression from her Arab neighbours, believing this step essential to the peace and stability of the Middle East."

Oil-Bearing Sand Found at Heletz 2

HELETZ, Sunday. — Oil-bearing sand was found at Heletz II today. The drilling is continuing at full speed and by tonight reached 4,780 feet. It is learned that Lapidot and Israel Oil Prospectors Ltd. will continue to drill in search of additional layers of oil tomorrow after a Johnston test is made.

Clay was encountered in the middle of the layer of sand, but the drill soon penetrated it and sand was again reached. It is thought that this find of oil sand may prove the thickest layer to date.

At Heletz III, drilling is continuing, and at Negba I, work is expected to be resumed on Tuesday after the cementing of the finished section of the well is complete.

Gunmen Kill Cypriot Praying in Church

NICOSIA, Sunday. — Extremists shot a Greek Cypriot to death today while he sang hymns before a packed congregation in his local church.

Four masked men walked into St. George's church at Kythrea, near Nicosia, while the congregation was singing at morning service. As the priest begged them not to start shooting and desecrate the church, they ordered the congregation to face the walls. One of the men ordered Clerides Manoli, 45, to stand in front of the altar and all four shot him through the stomach before running out of the church.

The murder came on a day of mounting tension. Manoli was the second man to be killed in Cyprus today. Earlier, security forces opened fire on two Turkish Cypriots who failed to stop when challenged at an army road block near Limassol. One of the men, Himmet Hassim, a 50-year-old father of six, was killed and the other wounded.

The Governor, Sir John Harding, said that the whole free world would benefit from Britain's refusal to "abdicate her responsibilities in Cyprus. Britain needs Cyprus for strategic purposes, not solely for herself but in the interests of the free world's security as a whole," he told a press conference.

(UP, Reuter)

Three Deaths for One Face French in Algeria

By NORA BELOFF

PARIS, Sunday (OFNS). — M. Robert Lacoste, French Minister-Resident in Algeria, having obtained the emergency powers, though not all the fruits he came to Paris to seek, flew back to his post today to start what he has called "a race against time" to save Algeria for France.

The French Settlers League has already issued its ultimatum: unless the 200 Moslem rebels now imprisoned under death sentence are executed before Wednesday they would take the law into their own hands.

The Algerians have retorted that they will kill three Frenchmen for every prisoner shot. Thus, at any moment the increasingly frequent individual murders may change into large-scale massacres. When M. Lacoste pleaded in vain for instantaneous and massive reinforcements, he unquestionably believed that they would be an essential screen against generalized civil war. Already the rebels have overrun one-third of Algeria and might at any time proclaim themselves an independent Government, decree total war and appeal for international support.

Rival Forces

Even when the Government completes its military re-planning, M. Lacoste is convinced there will still be too few men to protect lives and property while also operating effectively against the *fellaghas*. These are estimated to number fewer than 30,000 and most of their armament dates from the Second World War, booty from their raids and deliveries from deserters who come over completely equipped. Occasional caravan loads of light arms and wireless transmitters have been stopped coming from Egypt via Libya and the Tunisian desert, but outside aid is only marginal and hardly reduces the overwhelming material disparity between the contending forces.

Rebel strength lies rather in the collusion of the Moslem population. Daily examples of hideous punishment meted out to informers has deprived the French of agents essential in guerrilla war. Besides the physical fear the rebels also inspire solidarity and pride among their co-religionists apparently uninhibited by European humanitarian scruples.

Gov't Needs Peace

Politically the French left-wing Government needs peace, and Premier Mollet, arguing that Algerian resistance is notoriously divided and no one can authoritatively speak in its name, has proposed that the *fellaghas* lay down their arms in return for a promise of French-controlled elections designed to produce qualified negotiators.

But despite the well-known divisions and vendettas inside the Algerian nationalist movement, notably between the National Liberation Front linked with Cairo and the followers of Messali Hadi, all factions now speak impressively with a single voice: Any truce, they say, must be conditional on French recognition of Algeria's right to become "an independent and democratic State" — democratic evidently meaning majority-ruled and implying that the million Europeans in the country would be dependent on Moslem mercy.

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Paris Police Kill Algerian Nationalist

PARIS, Sunday (UP). — Police laid a trap for half a dozen Algerian nationalist "tax collectors" early today and sub-machinegunned one of them to death when he pulled a knife. Two were arrested and three others escaped.

The incident grew out of the strike and demonstration of 10,000 Algerians a week ago. Algerian employees of a mushroom dealer in suburban Nanterre refused to take part and nationalists told them that they were being "fined" 5,000 francs (£14) apiece. The employees called the police, who told them to arrange a meeting with the nationalists.

Dim Echoes Of Attack on Stalin Heard in Europe

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The Communist world took cautious steps today to fall in line with the damning attack made on Stalin by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Communist Party Secretary.

"Despot" was the strongest word that the East German Communist leader, Walter Ulbricht, could find to call Stalin. The French Communist Party newspaper "Humanite," merely noted Stalin's "merits and mistakes." Italy's "Unita" confined itself to reproving the errors of the "personality cult" associated with Stalin's rule.

Both newspapers contended that reports of pro-Stalin riots in Georgia, Stalin's native state, were pure invention.

Reuter correspondents reported:

BERLIN. — Walter Ulbricht said in a speech yesterday at an East Berlin Party Conference that Stalin was a despot who illegally persecuted his opponents within the Party.

Written by Stalin

The speech was published today in the Party newspaper, "Neues Deutschland." The Communist leader said it was "historically incorrect" to describe Stalin as the man who defeated Hitler Fascism. This had been "written into the Stalin biography by Stalin himself."

Mr. Ulbricht admitted that his much milder report two weeks ago about the Soviet Party Congress had caused unrest among the East German Party membership.

PARIS. — The French Communist Party newspaper, "Humanite Dimanche," reported that Mr. Khrushchev had given the Soviet Party Congress "a profound analysis of the person and activity of Stalin, his merits and his mistakes."

ROME. — The Italian Communist Party, the biggest in Western Europe, has swung into line with Moscow in condemnation of the personality cult and of the "errors" of the last 20 years of Stalin's rule. As soon as he returned from the Moscow Congress, Party Leader Palmiro Togliatti told his followers that they must take the lead, before the anti-Communists, in debating this question "in an open and correct way."

B-G Says Crisis Calls For Political Unity of Labour

Egyptians Try Theft, Reaping in Israel

Egyptian infiltrators crossed the Armistice Lines at various points during the week-end, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

Yesterday evening, an Egyptian post opened fire on an Israel position in the area of Kisufim. The fire was returned, and no injuries were sustained.

On Friday night, three Egyptians attempted to steal a flock of sheep from Moshav Tidhar in the neighbourhood of Beit Re'im.

The Israel guard chased them and fired, killing one of the infiltrators. The other two fled across the Armistice Line into the Gaza Strip.

There were three further incidents on Saturday afternoon, the Army spokesman said. In the vicinity of Nahal Oz, two infiltrators tried to harvest Israel fields, and a group of 10 Egyptians drove their heads onto fields belonging to Nir Yitzhak. A band of infiltrators also penetrated into the Kisufim area.

In all cases, the infiltrators were driven back across the Armistice Line into the Gaza Strip by fire from our posts.

South Koreans Want Armistice Nullified

SEOUL, Sunday (Reuter). — The Government has requested the U.S. to declare the Korean armistice agreement null and void.

Reliable sources said today that the request was included in three memoranda, diplomatic, economic and military, handed last night to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles who was here on his tour of the Far East and is now in Japan, on the last leg of his trip.

2 Brothers Drown In Cistern

HAIFA, Sunday. — Two young brothers drowned in an unguarded cistern inside the Port area just before noon today. Marduk and Kuku Cohen, 6 and 5, were among a group of children who had been playing beside the cistern in the western section of the Port.

The two children apparently had jumped in to play with some boards floating in the partly filled cistern and at once disappeared in the muddy water. Their playmates became frightened and ran for help. They found a watchman who hurried to the spot, jumped into the cistern and found the two bodies. All attempts to revive the boys failed.

Police have yet to clear up how the children got into the Port area and why the cistern was not fenced.

Confesses to Killing Nine in 3 Months

BRESCIA, Italy, Sunday (UP). — A middle-aged farm hand today faced charges of slaying six women, two men and a boy for petty gain in a three-month murder spree. Police said that the farm hand, Vitaliano Morandini, broke down and confessed to the crimes after a three-hour interrogation.

Morandini stated that he committed the first murder last November 11. He also confessed to the following crimes: November 20: murder of two woman and a boy by clubbing them to death and then setting fire to their house. December 28: slaying two elderly women in a lonely hut. January 22, 1956: of Cesare Breno and his wife and daughter.

Morandini cleverly succeeded in making most of the crimes look like accidents. Evidence against him was largely circumstantial until he made the confession.

Menderes in Karachi

KARACHI, Sunday (Reuter). — The Baghdad pact figured in talks here today between Premier Adnan Menderes of Turkey and leading Pakistani statesmen.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Premier of Cambodia, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, said today he has accepted "in principle" China's economic aid, and that China's Premier and Foreign Minister, Chou En Lai, would visit Cambodia in May.

EDEN TO MEET MALENKOV

WINDSOR, Sunday (Reuter). — Sir Anthony Eden will have a 30-minute meeting with Mr. Georgi Malenkov tomorrow morning, it was announced today.

The Russian Minister of Electric Power Stations climaxed a day of sight-seeing west of London by staying at a hotel in the shadow of Queen Elizabeth's Windsor Castle.

Namir Stresses 'Human Touch'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Far-reaching decentralization of executive bodies and an endeavour "to reach every single worker's heart," are the main plank in a programme of reform outlined by Mr. M. Namir, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, in his speech at the Histadrut Convention today.

Hevrat Ovdim, the holding company of all Histadrut-sponsored enterprises, should open branches in the offices of local Labour Councils to ensure collaboration of local workers. In this way, Mr. Namir said, local needs would be better catered for in housing, for instance.

Mr. Namir

Serious efforts would be made to give workers an active interest in the management of Histadrut-sponsored industries. In general, "methods of handling Histadrut-owned plants should undergo some change," Mr. Namir added.

The proposed reform in the organization of Kupat Holim was also meant to create a "human touch" in health services. A patient would be permitted, to some degree, to choose the doctor in whom he had trust. "We must by all avoid turning Kupat Holim into a health factory," Mr. Namir declared.

Alluding to the recent upheaval by the professional workers affiliated to the Histadrut, Mr. Namir said that the problem of the "all-inclusiveness of the Histadrut" had not yet found its solution. It has been a basic principle of the Histadrut, since its establishment, that "all work is deemed to possess equal moral value." This means that a teacher, doctor and a journeyman are entitled to the same remuneration for equal effort.

New Concepts

This principle, Mr. Namir stated, was recently vigorously attacked from many quarters. "New concepts were arrogantly forcing their way into the Histadrut.

"We must admit, however, that there is a striking, legitimate difference between many vocations, and that a mechanical, artificially imposed equality is no longer possible," he said.

The Secretary-General noted the many instances of fine citizenship and virtue among the workers — such as the town-to-country movement, and the volunteering effort to help border settlements. However, he added, one could not avoid noting the tendency to abandon "the simple way of life" and the assumed superiority of social status.

On the other hand, he continued, plans were being made for the creation of trade unions to cover entire occupational sectors. For example, there would be an industrial workers' union, and steps had been taken to create a union of transport workers. At present, there were unions in every branch of industry and transport.

The aim of the Histadrut,

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Histadrut Opens 8th Congress

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Political unity of the labour parties, nationalisation of labour exchanges, exploitation of water resources, and settlement of the waste lands were urged by the Prime Minister this evening in his address to the eighth Convention of the Histadrut which opened this morning in the Habimah Hall.

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"There is little doubt," Mr. Ben-Gurion said, "that if we do not receive the arms we need, the Egyptian dictator and his allies, Syria, Saudi Arabia and perhaps others also, will attack us within the next few months."

Our ability to withstand external and internal dangers depends greatly on the unity of labour, he said. A majority of the voters would back this merger, especially since the three major labour parties have formed a coalition Cabinet on a common platform.

In the course of his two-hour speech, Mr. Ben-Gurion said that labour conditions in Israel were different from anything to be seen in other countries, and the Histadrut was unlike any other labour organization. That was why the usual precepts of Marxist theory did not apply to Israel labour. The founders of the Histadrut were concerned first of all with ethics and national ideals, and secondly with the well-being of the worker. Mr. Ben-Gurion explored the fact that "something has changed" since the establishment of the State. The majority of immigrants are not Zionist, nor are the majority of farm settlers pioneers. He was unable to repeat today what was said 35 years ago at the founding convention of the Histadrut: "The Histadrut is the heart of the redeeming movement of the nation."

The change had come about because vision had yielded before personal interest, and the creation of the State had taken away part of the Histadrut's activities.

No Class War

Despite Marxist doctrine, preached even by Borochov, there was no truth in the assertion that society is divided into two warring elements — the capitalist and the proletarian. At least, Mr. Ben-Gurion said, it was not the case here. And it was not true that it was the capitalist who produced and the worker who was exploited. The Histadrut had shown that labour could produce as well as the capitalist.

But, the Prime Minister continued, "There is no social or national advantage in Histadrut or Government ownership.

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Split in Ranks Of G.Z. Workers

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—The General Zionist faction in the Histadrut split today.

When the faction met prior to the opening of the Histadrut Convention, Mr. S. Nurnberger, one of the General Zionist workers' leaders, moved that the faction become an independent body, not connected with the General Zionist Party.

The majority, led by Dr. E. Rimalt, M.K., opposed the move. Mr. Nurnberger thereupon walked out, and about a third of the faction followed him.

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Social & Personal

The Chairman of the Jewish Agency and Mrs. Locker entertained the American author, Mr. Waldo Frank, to dinner on Saturday evening. Present were the Foreign Minister and Mrs. Sharett; Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Tov; Prof. and Mrs. S. Halkin, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Shenhar. Afterwards, a reception was held in honour of the guest. Present were the Guatemalan Minister and Mrs. Granados, the President of the Supreme Court and Mrs. Olshan, Justice and Mrs. E. Goitein, Mr. Walter Eytan, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dobkin, Dr. and Mrs. A. Granott, Mr. and Mrs. E. Doron.

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The State of Israel Bond delegation from New York was received by the Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. G. Agron, and the Deputy Mayor, Mr. M. Porush, yesterday. They later were received by the Secretary-General of the Jewish Agency, Mr. S. Eisenberg.

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ARRIVALS: Justice Stanley Mosk of California's Supreme Court, Chairman of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council, for two weeks as guest of the Histadrut; Mrs. Sima Krachmalnik, of the Wizo Executive in Mexico, with her family, to settle; Mr. Charles H. Jordan, Acting Director General for Overseas Operations of the Joint, with Mrs. Jordan, for an official visit; Mr. Charles Passman, Director of Malben, from Paris, where he attended the conference of the Directors of Joint in Europe; Mr. Henry L. Levi, Director of Joint for Tunisia, and Dr. W. Schmidt, Joint's medical adviser, for a visit; Mr. B. Glynn, "Life" photographer, from Athens for a seven-day stay, (by El Al); Mr. Ian Mikardo, the British Labour M.P., on a private visit, (by Cyprus Airways); Brigadier-General M.C. Troper, of the Joint, from New York, (by L.A.I.).

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DEPARTURES: Prof. Virgilio Ferrari, the Mayor of Milan, after a five-day visit as guest of Israel local government authorities, (by L.A.I.); Mr. Ernest Jones-Whiteley, a director of Lloyds Bank in London after a three-week visit as guest of the Bank Leumi and Keren Hayesod, (by T.W.A.); Mr. A. Posthumus, Manager of K.L.M. airlines in Israel, and Mr. G. Tausig, Commercial Manager, to Amsterdam, on business, (by L.A.I.); Mrs. Ines Gordon, President of Wizo in South Africa after a four-week

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Mikveh Israel Now A State School

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Mikveh Israel Agricultural School is now a State school, according to a contract signed between the State of Israel and the Alliance Israelite Universelle on Friday.

Present at the signing of the agreement were the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Kadish Looz; the French Ambassador, M. Pierre Gilbert; Minister P. Naphtali; Mrs. Vera Weizmann; and a large number of guests.

According to the 99-year contract, a private holding company will be set up called "Mikveh Israel-Alliance." The Ministry of Agriculture will invest the sum of IL100,000 annually, while Alliance will contribute 30 per cent of the budget, up to IL85,000 annually, and no more than IL50,000 after the debts have been settled.

The Ministry of Agriculture will cover the rest of the annual budget, if it is not contributed by other public bodies.

Mikveh Israel is the oldest agricultural school in the country.

SCHOLARSHIP. — The Cairo newspaper "Al Akhbar" said yesterday that the Egyptian Ministry of Education has decided to offer a one-year scholarship to Miss Autherine Lucy, American Negro student who was expelled from the University of Alabama. The newspaper added that the scholarship would include a $350 a month allowance in addition to free tuition.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.
ARNON: To Hell and Back. 4th week.
EDEN: Madame Curie.
EDISON: Laughing Anne.
ORNA: City of Bad Men.
ORION: The View from Pompey's Head. 2nd week.
OR GIL: Modern Times.
ZION: Tale of a Taxi.
STUDIO: Roman Holiday.
TEL OR: The French Line. 3rd week.
ZION HALL: 3 Ring Circus.

TEL AVIV

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15
ALLENBY: Love is a Many-Splendoured Thing. 2nd week.
EDEN: "Mein'mlle Nitouche".
ESTHER: Bad Day at Black Rock. 2nd week.
HOGRAH: Battle Cry. 4th week.
OPHIR: "Papa, Maman, la Bonne et Moi."
ORION: Johnny Belinda.
SINDEROTH: Call Me Madam.
TAMAR: Not As a Stranger. 3rd week.
TCHELETH: "Les Amants du Tage." 10th week.
YARON: "Les Femmes Font Reliement." 2nd week.
ZAMIR: "Le Vin d'Un Homme Heureux." 4th week.

HAIFA

TEED: Green Scarf. 3rd week.
GAL OR: From Here to Eternity, Matinee: Gunfighters.
ORAH: White Christmas.
AMPHITHEATRE: The Dark Avenger.
ORLY: Laughter in Paradise.
ARMON: Modern Times. Matinee: Hansel and Gretel.
EN DOR: Black Shield of Falworth.
MORIAH: Because of You.
ORION: Them.
ATHON: "Pardonnez," 2nd week.
HAY: Helen of Troy.

2 Newcomers from Poland Had Been Imprisoned for 'Zionism'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — Two immigrants from Poland who had been imprisoned in Siberia for "Zionist activities" for over 10 years arrived in the s.s. Jerusalem this morning. They were David Suessmann, 58, and Shalom Schwartz, 58, both formerly of Brisk, Poland.

They were met in the Port by close relatives whom they had not seen for many years and who told them "we had hardly hoped to see you again." As Mr. Suessman stepped off the ship's gangway, he burst into sobs and in a broken voice recited the *shehecheyanu* blessing, while his wife, whom he had not seen for 11 years, had her arms around him.

Mr. Suessmann had been a member of the Central Committee of the Mizrahi Organisation and a town councillor in Brisk which was occupied by the Russians in 1939. In 1940, he was arrested with nine others and charged with "Zionist activities." Later, he was sent to Siberia where he served his sentence in Krasnojarsk, working as a bookkeeper. He was released two years ago and returned to Poland.

He was given an exit permit a few months ago and came here via Vienna. His wife, who lives in Belgium, came here to meet him and the couple will go to Belgium for the wedding of their son and plan to return later.

Money Kept Hidden

Mr. Suessmann brought £15 which he had hidden inside his shoes 17 years ago and had managed to keep all through his imprisonment. However, at the bank in the Port the money was not accepted, as it was no longer legal tender.

Mr. Schwartz had been the chairman of the Poale Zion in Brisk. After the Russians had occupied the town, he was charged with "Zionist activities" and with organising a group of intellectuals "who intended smuggling Jews out of Poland to Palestine." He was sentenced to eight and 10 years in Siberia on each charge. He worked mainly on constructing buildings in Siberia and "met many Jews there," he said. After serving 13 years, he was released in February, 1955, and returned to Poland.

In the Port here, Mr. Schwartz was met by his wife, son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. The two men were also received by a large number of friends, including the Director General of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, Dr. S. Kahane.

The s.s. Jerusalem brought 243 immigrants, most of them from Morocco, who were sent to development areas and agricultural settlements. Several immigrants came from Eastern Europe, including 13 each from Poland and Russia, three from Czechoslovakia, and four from Hungary; as well as 13 newcomers from Brazil, 10 from Argentina and 11 from China.

The ship brought over 300 tourists who came from many countries to spend Passover in Israel. They were greeted by Dr. Kahane and the director of the Tourist Corporation in Haifa, Mr. S. Sar-Shalom. A group of 40 Christian tourists from Finland also arrived in the ship.

ICELAND. — Czechoslovakia will supply Iceland with four hydro-electric power stations and 100 transformer stations. These will be used in Iceland's 10-year electrification plan.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

• Exhibitions:—
1) Dutch and Flemish 17th Century Paintings. 2) 36 Posters for the 24th Zionist Congress. 3) Paintings by Maurycy Gottlieb. 4) Works by Lionel Feiminger. Exhibit of Month: Illuminated Passover Haggadah from Provence or Spain (14th Century). Bezalel. 9-1. 2-6.
1) Applied Arts — Works by Louise Schatz, Zahara Schatz, Bezalel Schatz and Jean David. 2) Drawings and sculptures by Jane Schacherl-Hillman. 3) Oil and Tempera Paintings by Zvi Gall. Artists House. 10-1, 4-6. Permanent exhibition at the Department of Antiquities. Temporary: Finds in Caesarea. 9-1, 3-5.
Oil Paintings, Frescoes and Drawings by Haim Nahor, "Nora Studio." Art Gallery, 9 Marmon Ave., 10-1, 3-6.
Four Art Films: The Manet Case, Paul Gauguin, Van Gogh and Toulouse-Lautrec. Bezalel Museum, 8.45 p.m.
• Talk:—
"Martha Graham's Dance Theatre." Opening speeches: Yohanan Zaraf and Moshe Amiel, Beeri Club, 9 Alharizi, 8.30.
• Meetings:—
Hitahdut Olei Britannia — Annual General Meeting. Wizo Club, Rehov Hahavatzelet, 8.30.
• Open Forum:—
Questions of the Day — Jerusalem Journalists Association, Rehov Shammai, 8.30.
• Concert:—
6th Concert of Jerusalem Musicians Association. Y.M.C.A. 8.30
• Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building. Opposite Terra Sancta. 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

Italian specialities, lunch, dinner, music. Luky's Bar, 3 Allenby Rd.
• Exhibitions:—
Annual Exhibition of Israel Painters and Sculptors, Museum, 10-1, 4-7.
Woodcuts by Jacob Pina, Ben Baruch Gallery, 13 Ben Yehuda, 9-1, 3.30-7.
• Jazz Club:—
H.O.A. House: Benny Goodman Records and Request Programme 7.30.
• Theatre:—
Ohel, "Donna Gracia", 8.

RAMLE

• Theatre:—
Ohel, "Johnny Belinda," 8.

BIZRON-LE-ZION

• Theatre:—
Dvigan and Schumacher, "Tolmi un ein... lach." Ohel Shem, 8.45.

Disease Rate Down During February

A general reduction in the incidence of disease during February was reported yesterday by a Ministry of Health spokesman. The spokesman reported that the February figures gave a "more or less" accurate picture despite the physicians' strike during that month.

Fourteen children contracted polio during January and February, two of whom died, as compared with 46 cases of polio (three of them fatal) reported for the same period last year.

The incidence of dysentery was reduced from 264 in January to 135 in February; infectious hepatitis from 176 to 83; mumps from 563 to 405; typhus from 14 to six; typhoid fever from 36 to 16; scarlet fever from 153 to 78. Cases of whooping cough increased from 768 in January to 848 in February.

Of the 210 cases of German measles recorded for January, 161 cases were reported from Jerusalem. In February, the incidence of German measles was 209. The spokesman noted that this was an "expected" seasonal peak.

PRISON VISITING HOURS FOR PASSOVER

Relatives of Jewish prisoners at Ramle, Maasiyahu, Neve Tirza, Tel Mond, Damon and Sheteh, will be permitted to visit them at the following times during the Passover holiday: Tuesday, March 27: 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Thursday, March 29: 2-6 p.m. Monday, April 2: 2-4 p.m.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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HAIFA: Nordau, 13 Nordau, 4089. Shomron, Bank-Jaffa, 4924. KIRYAT MOTZKIN: Motzkin, 7227. NAHARIYA: Merkaz, 84. FAD: Haarl.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

JERUSALEM: Dr. Romanoff, 11 Ariosoroff, 61217. Dr. Abeles, 19 Ussishkin, 2688. Garsi, 8/41 Greek Colony, 5851.
TEL AVIV: Dr. Shoham, 1 Syrkin, 28942. Dr. Shore, 54 Bokolov, 26383. JAFFA: Dr. Weinberg, 4 Rehov 65.
HAIFA: Dr. Biski, 7 Eihud, 2139. Dr. Ludwig, 24 Shivat Zion, 67417.

Bar-Ilan Students Work at Kibbutzim

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — Teachers and students of the Bar-Ilan University today abandoned studies and departed in a convoy for a week's work in border settlements. All students volunteered without exception, and they were joined by their professors who will keep lectures going in the evenings. During the day, work will be done on the fortifications of two Hapoel Hamizrahi settlements — Tirat Zvi and Sde Eliahu.

Movie Comes Under Censor's Eye Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Film Censorship Board is meeting in Jerusalem today to decide whether to permit the showing of a disputed section in the locally produced film, "A Tale of a Tax."

The Geva Films production opened in its entirety in Jerusalem's Ron Cinema on Saturday night over the objections of the Ministry of Health.

The section under contention shows a bank clerk who steals bank funds and distributes them among new immigrants living in *ma'barot* around Natanya.

According to a letter sent early this month to the film's producers by Mr. E. Globus, Legal Adviser to the Ministry of Health, the real life "hero" of this story is now living with his wife and children in Tel Aviv and is liable to suffer from the public showing of the film.

The incident actually occurred in Tel Aviv in 1951, Mr. Globus stated, with the man in question being committed to the Government mental hospital in Acre until he recovered his health. Dr. E. Levinger, Assistant Director of the Mental Health Services Division in the Ministry, into whose custody the man was placed by the court and by the Minister of Justice, believes that the showing of the film story will cause serious "psychic disturbances" to the man in question, Dr. Globus stated in his letter.

MOUNT ZION POST OFFICE

A special branch of the Post Office will be opened on Mount Zion for the Passover holiday. It will be open to the public for all postal transactions from March 25 until Wednesday April 4, between 9 and 4 daily, except for Fridays and the eves of festivals when it will close at 2 p.m.

Collectors interested in getting the special postmark are asked to send stamped envelopes to the Postmaster, Jerusalem, before the opening date.

ALLEN. — Fred Allen, the comedian, collapsed and died on a New York pavement after a party on Saturday night. He was 61.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
527, 349, 33.3 & 42.9 M.

News, Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 7.00, 9.00 & 12.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News), 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.45 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" Natalino Otto (R). Concert Hall: Tchaikowsky: Suite No.3 in G (conductor: Walter Goehr) Mendelssohn: Capriccio Brilliant for Piano & Orchestra (Soloist: Moura Lympany). Stuttgart: 4 Jewish Dances (conductor: Michael Taube). 1.45 Light Notes (R). 3.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Oriental Music (R). 4.30 "Be Ohalei Torah." 4.40 Piano Compositions — Y. Miron, played by Bat Sheva Miron. 5.00 Children's Hour. 5.15 Youth Programme. 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Light Music by the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. 7.45 About Jewish Religion." 8.00 "In the heat of Day" by S. Tevet, directed by M. Almas. 8.40 "Music." 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Telling Tunes. 10.00 From the treasures of the Agradah. 10.15 Ben-Gurion's Speech at the Histadrut Convention. 10.45 "Chamber Music" Mozart: Clarinet Quintet in A K.581, played by Yona Etzinger with the Israel String Quartet (recorded at the Tel Aviv Museum). 11.30 Requests for Light Music. 12.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
507, 468, 375, 216, 43.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 5.20 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Hebrew Lessons for Ulpanim. 6.00 Light Music. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Persian. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 News. 6.40 Newsreel. 6.50 "Music in Our Land"— a musical review. 7.00 Yiddish Programme. 11.15 p.m. News. 11.26 Newsreel. 11.35 "Music in Our Land"— a musical review. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Requests (Hebrew Songs). 7.00 News. 7.10 "Light Music." 7.30 Among the Flags. 8.00 Weekly Symphonic Concert. Works by Liszt & Holst. 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music 10.00 Close Down.
B. B. C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.42, 16.96, 25.15 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News, News Talk, Echoes from the World.

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HAIFA, March 15, 1956.

Birmingham City Are Good Cup Bet

By KEITH REECHER

This may be Birmingham City's year for the Cup, which they have never won in their long soccer history. Of the two English Football Association Challenge Cup semi-finals played on Saturday, Birmingham gained the more convincing win by trouncing Sunderland 3-0 at Hillsborough, Sheffield. Manchester City, on the other hand, could only scrape through by 1-0 against an uncoordinated Tottenham Hotspurs at Villa Park, Birmingham, with an equaliser by the Spurs a touch-and-go affair near the end.

A 70,000 crowd, which paid £19,359 gate money, watched the Spurs, who were without their effective Harmer, miss a number of early chances and then revert to a defensive game. It was from break away that Manchester got a goal against the run of play, when, on the third attempt, a pass into the centre was headed in by Johnstone. Near the end a shot at goal was dropped by Trautman, the Manchester goal-keeper, but the ball rolled out and was cleared.

It was a ding-dong battle at Sheffield before over a 65,000 crowd, but Sunderland had apparently left their shooting boots at home and also met Birmingham goal-keeper, Merrick, in brilliant form. Birmingham took the lead when Winney scored in the 10th minute, but the Durham men swarmed back into a long series of attacks, but these ended fruitlessly in some wild shooting. The game was virtually over when Astal added the second Birmingham goal in the second half. Eddie Brown netted No. 3 three minutes before the end.

Birmingham City, who were promoted to the First Division this season, have been playing fine consistent opportunist football, leavening a lively attack with a staunch steady defence. Their record in the Cup series is good, based on clear-cut wins. Their opponents in the Cup Final at Wembley in May, Manchester City, who have fought through to the Final for the second successive year—they lost to Newcastle United last—have been less dependable, but have won. Despite the Mancunians' fine Cup history, it must be the Warwick men who will be fancied to win the trophy for the first time ever, but the old bogy "Cup nerves" may have the final word.

Arsenal Hold Man. U.

In the League games, meanwhile, Arsenal cheered their supporters by holding leaders, Manchester United, to a one-all draw. This kept the Mancunians in a five points lead, with 48, of Blackpool, who slammed in a 5-1 home victory over Newcastle. Manchester have seven games to play while Blackpool have one more. Luton Town scored the surprise of the card by beating Wolverhampton Wanderers, on their own ground, 3-1, and virtually saved themselves from relegation. Here Aston Villa, who had no match that day, feel the table with 32 points. Next up are Huddersfield Town, who beat Everton, 1-0, and Sheffield United, who drew 1-1 at Portsmouth, with 36 points each, with Tottenham, fourth up, with one point more.

Sheffield Wednesday, who had no game, lead Division II by two points in front of Leicester City, who beat Rotherham United 2-1, in a strong bid to make First Division status next season. Liverpool, next in line, kept in the race with a 4-1 win over Swansea. Here the other problem is who will accompany Hull City, doomed to relegation, following a home 3-1 loss to promotion chasers Bristol City. The "candidates" Plymouth Argyle and Notts County fought out a dour 1-1 draw to leave the position just as open. As if to emphasize their insistence on Second Division play next season, Leyton Orient, slammed home the biggest win in the English card by beating Aldershot 8-3 in a Third Division (South) fixture, and still have two points and two games in hand over Ipswich Town, who won 3-0 Watford. Grimsby crept into a one point lead in the Northern section, following a 3-1 win over Stockport, as Derby County won 2-1 at Barrow and Accrington Stanley surprisingly lost 3-1 at home to York City. England retained the Calcutta Cup by deservedly beating Scotland by 11 points to six in a Rugby Union international at Murrayfield, in a game featuring Scotch missed goal kicks, particularly in the second half.

RESULTS: ENGLISH LEAGUE: F.A. CUP — SEMI-FINALS: Aston. C. 1, Tottenham 0; Sunderl'd 0, Birm'gham 3. DIV. I: Arsenal 1, Man. U. 1; Blackp'l 5, Newcastle 1; Bolton 4, West Brom. 0; Huddersf'd 1, Everton 0; Portsm'th 1, Shef. U. 1; Wolves 1, Luton 2. DIV. II: Blackb'n 4, West Ham 1; Bris. R. 3, Fulham 3; Doncas. R. 2, Bury 3; Hull 1, Bris. C. 3; Leic. C. 3, Rotherham 1; Linc. C. 1, Port V. 0; Liverp'l 4, Swansea 1; Notts. F. 2, Middsbro 4; Plym'th 1, Notts. C. 1; Stoke 3, Leeds 1. DIV. III (S): Bournem'th 4, Swindon 0; Brentf'd 1, Shrewsb'y 1; Colchester 2, N'hampton 0; Cov. C. 2, S'hampton 0; Exeter 4, Crystal P. 1; Gill'gham 3, Newport 2; Leyton 8, Ald'shot 3; Millwall 1, Torquay 2; Norwich 1, Q.P.R. 0; Read'g 3, Walsall 0; S'thend 1, Brighton 1; Watf'd 6, Ipswich 2. DIV. III (N): Accr'gton 8, T. York 3; Barrow 1, Derby 2; Bradf'd 0, Manc'st'r 3; Carl'le 0, Hartlep'ls 2; Chester 0, Crewe A. 0; Chesterf'd 5, Halifax 0; Darl'gton 1, Work'gton 2; Gateshe'd 1, Oldham 3; Grimsby 3, Stockp't 0; Rochdale 1, Wrexham 0; Southp't 2, Scunth'pe 2; Tranmere 1, Bradf. C. 1. SCOTTISH LEAGUE. DIV. A: Aberd'n 1, Dunf'line 0; Airdrie' 1, Clyde 0; Celtic 1, Dundee 0; E. Fife 1, Hibs. 2; Falk'k 3, Motherwell 4; Hearts 2, Rangers 1; Kilm'nock 2, Raith 1; Partick 6, Stirlin'g 1; Qns. o'Sth. 4, St. Mirren 1. INTER-LEAGUE: Lge. of Ireland 1, Irish F.L. 0. YOUTH INT: Ireland 4, Wales 2. F.A. AMATEUR CUP—SEMI-FINALS: Corinthian Casuals 3, Dulwich Hamlet 1; Kingstonians 1, Bishop Auckland 5. RUGBY UNION—INT: Scotland 6 pts, England 11. RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan 9, Barrow 9; York 6, St. Helens 13; Warrington 61, Salford 19; Halifax 22, Bramley 11; Hull K.R. 16, Hunslet 14; Leeds 7, Hull 30. CRICKET: (At Launceston): Australia, 196 (Miller 60, Dipnose 3/47). Tasmania, 77 for six (Lindwall, 3/23; Deddon, 3/29).

Tel Aviv Stock Market

MARCH 18, 1956

Pop. Loans 1949/59 (IL10)	98½
3½% Tavoi Dollar z)y)	69½
4% Comp. Loan 56/61	65½
3½% War Loan 54/59	86½
3½% Gov. Bds. (large)	94½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	95½
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	95½
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3	97
Rlb. Loans1 ord.sh.	99¾
A.P.B. Investm. ord. sh. "B"	100½
Gazit ord. sh. "B"	95½
Ellern's Inv. ord.	153½
P.E.C.Inv.ord. "B" h.d	98½
Gen. Mortg. Bk.ord.sh.	73½
Bizur 4% debs.56/65	87½
Mir 4% Debs.(bearer)	92½
5% pref. sh.	98
Paas 4% Debs.60/64 rez.	79½
"Inva" 5% debs.	82½
I.L.D.C. ord.sh.rez.	105
5% debs.	82½
Afr. Pal. Inv.ord.sh.	77
Rassco 6% pref.ord.sh.d)	88½
Pal. Potash 6%pref.sh.	205
"A" ord. shares	91
Pal.Mtge.pref.sh.(Ldn)	97
6½%P.E.C.Debs.57/64	100½* 102½**
Mahaneh pref sh.	74½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	112½
6-8%con.debs.	92½
"Kardanesh"ord. "B"	117½
7%con.debs.59/68	91½
Meller-Dee ord.sh.rez.x	815
Pal.-Brewery 8%con.sh.	81½
Assis Bejerano "B" sh.	1334
"Tova" ord. sh. d)	108
Nathan 6% debs. "A"	107
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs.	135
ord.sh.rez.(full div.)	228
Pal. Centr. Tr. 8% debs.	96

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Tues., March 20, AFULA, Kol Bos, 8.45 p.m.
Wed., March 21, TEL AVIV, Ohel Shem, 8.45 p.m.

What the critics of the Israel Press say about
Dvigan & Shumacher
in their new performance
"Tolsn't un ein . . . lach" "Thousand and one . . . Laugh"
Dvigan & Shumacher have made a permanent satisfactory place for themselves in the hearts of their many admirers
The Jerusalem Post
"Tolsnt un ein... lach?"—NO! It's a thousand times more. The sketches and monologues are executed with richness and skill by the artists who in this farewell performance are giving the quintessence of their art. This production is their best.
Leete Neyes
Dvigan & Shumacher — Kings of Yiddish humour — execute a new victory in Israel.
Nowiny
Humour and satire on current Israel topics are interwoven in "Thousand and one Laugha." Thunderous laughter follows their appearance.
Ma'ariv
The new programme again proves that this pair of comedians have no competitors on our stage.
Ma'ariv
They are not just comedians who perform as simple jesters. They present a picture of our difficult and worrying daily lives through a crooked mirror — in a pleasant unique way. They lead us to the conclusion that we must right what is wrong.
Haboker
The satire on the armament situation by the two artists, in which Dvigan and Shumacher appear as Abdul Nasser and Pharaoh — King of Egypt is especially successful.
Lamerhav
The scenes on the Adloyada, the welfare programme, the unhappy doctor, and the scene about the "builders" are outstanding because of their satiric humour.
Herut
We have lived to see it — In the new programme, the two delightful comedians Dvigan and Shumacher appear in a Hebrew scene, and wonder of wonders, their humour is not at all blighted.
Yediot Aharonot
The burden of light entertainment in Israel has fallen on the shoulders of the two artists Dvigan and Shumacher — and when they leave Israel shortly to take our regards to the Jews of the Diaspora, everyone who appreciates satire will miss them.
Haaretz
Tomorrow, March 20—Jerusalem, Edison Theatre. 8 p.m
Thursday, March 22—Tel Aviv, Ohel Shem, 8.45 p.m.
Friday, March 23 — Haifa, May Cinema, 8 p.m.

THE PALESTINE DISCOUNT BANK LTD.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1955
(To the nearest Pound)

31.12.54		IL	IL		31.12.54		IL	IL
			Authorised	Issued and Fully Paid-up				
	SHARE CAPITAL:					CASH AND BANKS:		
80,000	Ordinary Shares, IL1.- each		80,000	80,000		Cash in hand, with Bank of Israel and with other Banks in Israel and abroad		30,012,065
920,000	Ordinary Shares, IL10.- each		920,000	920,000	19,975,068	GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED SECURITITES:		
100,000	Ordinary Shares "B" IL1.- each		250,000	250,000	2,541,784	At cost or below, but not exceeding market value		4,232,470
1,100,000			1,250,000	1,250,000	22,516,842			34,244,535
600,000	RESERVES			700,000		INVESTMENTS:		
150,000	RESERVE FOR PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF BONUS SHARES			150,000	465,897	At cost or below, but not exceeding market value:		
1,850,000				2,100,000	862,612	In Subsidiary Companies	892,151	
					1,328,509	Sundry	688,025	1,580,176
	CURRENT, DEPOSIT AND OTHER ACCOUNTS:							
	Including Reserve for Taxation, etc., and Balance of Profit and Loss Account		55,434,466		23,551,762	LOANS, BILLS DISCOUNTED AND OTHER ACCOUNTS		22,562,668
43,749,820					7,799,534	LOANS IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIAL GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS	17,630,298	40,191,961
3,012,408	GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL SPECIAL DEPOSITS		18,130,370		30,351,296			
834,409	SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES, current a/c		711,806	74,306,672		BANKS' PREMISES, etc.:		
53,596,637					250,000	At cost, less Depreciation		*) 350,000
	LIABILITIES ON ACCOUNT OF CUSTOMERS (see contra):					CUSTOMERS' LIABILITIES (See contra):		
	For Documentary Credits, Acceptances, Rediscount at Bank of Israel and Guarantees			31,574,752		For Documentary Credits, Acceptances, Rediscount at Bank of Israel and Guarantees		
27,423,679					27,423,679			31,574,752
81,870,316				108,341,424	81,870,316			108,341,424

Statement pursuant to Section 191(3) of the Companies Ordinance, 1929:
The Profits of the Subsidiary Companies are included in the Banks' accounts insofar as dividends were received from them in the financial year.

For the Board of Directors:
M. CARASSO, Chairman; H. BOURLA, D. RECANATI

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PALESTINE DISCOUNT BANK LTD.

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet, have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Bank so far as it appears from our examination thereof.

The said Balance Sheet is in agreement with the books of account, and in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Bank's affairs as at December 31, 1955.

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Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: After a warm and dry morning, moist and cool.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	35	3	13	16
Tiberias	33	9	20	23
Haifa Port	48	9	18	22
Natanya	33	9	19	21
Tel Aviv Kirya	33	10	19	21
Tel Aviv Port	60	10	17	20
Lydda Airport	61	7	15	22
Jerusalem	51	6	14	16
Beersheba	31	6	23	22
Eilat	39	11	26	29

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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PROPERTY TAX and the general rate in Ashkelon were raised by 10 per cent, according to an order signed by the Minister of Interior posted in the town yesterday.

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THE TEL AVIV District Court yesterday refused to release Moshe Avatihi, who is accused of transferring IL70,000 abroad as payment for new taxis. Avatihi was arrested four days ago and an eight-day detention order was issued against him by the Magistrate's Court pending investigation.

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71 ADVOCATES are to be called to the Bar this morning in the Supreme Court Hall in Jerusalem by Justice Cheshin, Deputy President of the Court. Two ceremonies will be held, at 9 a.m. and at 10 a.m.

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THE NEW PREMISES of the School of Pharmacy of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School will be officially inaugurated at Beit Hayoldot, opposite the former Avihail Hospital, in the Russian Compound, today at 4.30 p.m.

Over 5m. Crates Of Citrus Exported

Israel has exported 5,904,835 crates of citrus fruit since the beginning of the season in October. Of these, 5,114,640 crates left from Haifa Port, and 790,208 from Jaffa.

The three countries receiving the largest shipments are England (2,658,801 crates), the Soviet Union (477,830), and Sweden (425,007).

The 11 member firms of the Citrus By-Products and Canning Association are expected to export $2.5m. worth of commodities during 1956, as compared with only $1.8m. in 1955, the Association yesterday informed the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Sapir. The Minister's weekly tour of industrial enterprises was devoted this time to citrus and citrus by-product firms in the Tel Aviv area.

Association spokesmen said that member factories today employ some 900 persons, plus 800 engaged in grapefruit growing. The industry's chief problem is that of year-round employment for its workers, they told the Minister, and asked for Government assistance in coordinating the seasonal work in citrus products with some other food item to carry them through the summer.

Memorial for Martyrs On April 8

Memorial ceremonies for the six million Jews who died in Nazi Europe will this year be held for the first time in the new quarters of the Yad Vashem memorial organization on Har Hazikaron, Jerusalem, a press conference was told yesterday.

Six beacons will be lit on the crest of Har Hazikaron when observances begin on the afternoon of April 8. President Izhak Ben-Zvi, Cabinet and Knesset Members, survivors of the Nazi holocaust and public figures from all over the country will gather in Jerusalem for the commemoration ceremonies.

The 70-member World Council of Yad Vashem will meet on Har Hazikaron on April 19 to discuss organizational matters and authorize a IL1m. budget. On the Saturday before the opening ceremony, public gatherings in memory of Europe's destroyed Jewries will be held throughout the nation, particularly in the Yad Mordechai and Lohamei Ha'getaot communal settlements.

CORRECTION

The Third Secretary of the Swedish Legation in Tel Aviv who accompanied the new Minister, Mr. Jens Malling, to the presentation of credentials ceremony at Beit Hanassi last Thursday, is Baron Adolf Gustaf Theodor Lagerfelt, and not as incorrectly reported in Friday's report.

RATION NEWS

The distribution of the potato ration for Passover began yesterday. Most of the potatoes are imported, and the ration of 1 kg. costs 200 prutot.

'Labour Has Kept Faith', Ben-Zvi

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — All roads in Israel led to the Habimah Theatre this morning when the opening session of the eighth conference of the Histadrut was opened in the presence of President Izhak Ben-Zvi and Mrs. Ben-Zvi, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Knesset Speaker Yosef Sprinzak, Cabinet Ministers, Knesset Members and heads of the World Zionist Organization and the Israel labour movement.

President Ben-Zvi brought a double greeting to the conference — "as President of the State and personally from me and my wife, Rahel, who were among those who prepared the founding conference of the Histadrut 35 years ago."

The Israel labour movement has learned many things from other peoples of the world, but has remained true to the principles on which it was based and which made it unique among the nations, the President said.

He asserted that three basic factors which distinguished the Histadrut were: work as the way to freedom and redemption, partnership of the workers in the upbuilding of enterprises and the country as a whole and the acceptance of the responsibility by the labour movement for the State and the nation in all fields.

The appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi was the signal for the capacity audience to rise to its feet and a hearty wave of applause accompanied the Head of State and his wife to their seats. Earlier, Mr. Ben-Gurion was given an ovation as he took his place at the Presidium table. Decorations were simple — a few red flowers in small bowls on the green baize table cover and national flags sharing honours with the scarlet banner of labour as a backcloth.

Audience Rises

The audience rose to its feet with the playing of the national anthem, and after the opening words of greeting by the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Mr. Mordechai Namir, M.K., the hall was darkened and delegates stood again to pay their respects to those who had died since the last conference.

Mr. Zalman Shazar, M.K., Israel's first Minister of Education and now Deputy Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, eulogised the leaders of the labour movement who had passed away during the past six years. Among these were David Remez, for 18 years Secretary-General of the Histadrut and one-time Minister of Education and of Communications, and Eliezer Kaplan, Finance Minister from the establishment of the State until his death.

Memories of many others were evoked among the veteran delegates of the Second and Third *Aliyot* (immigration waves) who had worked side by side with them in the early days of the Histadrut, as Mr. Shazar spoke about persons from countries all over the world who had been pioneers of the Israel labour movement and who had attended their last conference. Newcomers to the country, participating in their first Histadrut conference, heard for the first time about the deeds of doctors and administrators, manual workers and writers, who had been among the pioneers of labour in this country.

The greetings of the Government were brought by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Moshe Sharett. He was deputizing for the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, who was indisposed. The conference sent wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Myerson and Mr. Sharett hoped that she would recover in time to attend some of the sessions of the three-day conference.

Efforts for Arab Workers

Mr. Mohammed Abdel Jahmi thanked the Histadrut for its efforts on behalf of Arab workers but called upon the conference to decide to admit Arab workers to full membership. He also asked for more Kupat Holim clinics in Arab areas and for the gates of the Noar Oved youth movement of the Histadrut to be thrown open to young Arabs.

Yael, of the Noar Oved, greeted the gathering. She added her good wishes to those of Mr. Berl Locker, M.K., chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Mr. Eliezer Shechter, secretary of the local Labour Council. The Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Haim Levanon, spoke with pride of the fact that Jaffa had seen some of the earliest conferences of the various labour groups in the country. He called for unity of action by the Histadrut, which at its conference should devote considerable time to the principal task of the hour.

Delegates were issued with folders containing proposed resolutions put forward by the preparatory committee, and several booklets on work done by Histadrut departments. The folder also had printed greetings from labour organizations and their leaders from countries all over the world.

The local Labour Council presented each delegate with an envelope which had been printed specially for the conference and a pamphlet giving details of its activities and achievements.

C-o-L Allowance Goes Up

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The cost-of-living allowance is to be increased by a maximum of 150 pruta a day from March 16 to June 15, according to an agreement drawn up between the Manufacturers Association and the Histadrut Trades Union Department today.

This increase will bring the maximum cost-of-living allowance to IL5.132 daily or IL128.300 monthly.

The last agreement expired in December and was not renewed.

Gov't Backs Credits For Peanut Growers

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Bank Leumi was asked by the Government to give credits to groundnut growers, Mr. Z. Kurr, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, told a national convention of the groundnut growers today. The Government, he said, appreciated the export possibilities in this line.

Mr. Y. Wolfsberger, chairman of the Association of Groundnut and Cotton Growers, said that 50,000 dunams were under groundnuts this year. About 60 per cent of the area is owned by labour settlements. *(Itim)*

Agreement Reached On Chemists' Wages

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Full agreement on wage rates for microbiologists and chemists was reached today between representatives of the Histadrut Executive Committee, the Civil Servants Union and the national Secretariat of Microbiologists on the one hand, and representatives of the Civil Service Commission.

The agreement fixes the basic beginner's wage, seniority allowances, and grades for those holding positions of responsibility.

Agency Asks Kraus 27 Questions

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Jewish Agency today put to Mr. Moshe Kraus, a former Agency employee in Hungary, a set of 27 questions connected with Mr. Kraus' claim for damages.

Mr. Kraus was asked, among other questions, whether it was true that he had acquired a "considerable amount of money and valuables" while in Agency employ. He was also asked whether the Hungarian police had found a large sum of money in foreign currency in his possession, and what amounts of money he had transferred abroad.

Was it true, Mr. Kraus was asked, that he was dismissed from service by the head of the Palestine Office in Budapest in 1940, and that in 1945 he was again made to resign by the majority of Zionist parties in Hungary? *(Itim)*

THREE THIEVES CAUGHT IN ACT

NAZARETH, Sunday. — Police yesterday had the rare pleasure of catching three robbers in the act. Three young men last night called on Mr. Dawoud Gattas Khoury, 41, one of the town's wealthy men, hiding their scheme to rob his cash and valuables behind the mask of a business visit.

To distract their host's attention, one of them asked him for a drink of water. As Mr. Khoury went to the kitchen, the three attacked him and knocked him down. At that moment, police forewarned of the plan of the three men, appeared on the scene and arrested them. Tools and a dagger-like weapon were said found on them.

DETAINED AS SUSPECT IN FATAL ACCIDENT

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The police have arrested Ya'acov Saha, 26, who is suspected of driving the car in which Rahel Deutsch, of Haifa, met her death last week. He was detained today for 10 days by the Magistrate's Court here.

The Police believe that Saha drove the car which belongs to a Mr. Goldfarb, of Haifa. They suspect that Goldfarb had rented his car to Saha. Goldfarb reportedly told the police that his car had been stolen.

It now appears that the Deutsches and Saha spent the evening in Hinga Bar in Tel Aviv. Mr. Deutsch did not reveal this fact to the police because he had been threatened by somebody "Not to open his mouth," the police say. *(Itim)*

REVIVAL OF ISRAEL OPERA FORESEEN

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — There will certainly be opera again in Israel, Miss Edis de Philippe, the opera singer, said recently on her return from a visit to the U.S. and Europe by El Al. In the United States, she had enlisted the cooperation of persons in the artistic world and had "a wonderful response."

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Building of Shelters Starts in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Construction of air raid shelters was begun today. The first hundred will be completed within a few weeks, Deputy Mayor S. Shoshani told *The Jerusalem Post* today.

The Magen David Adom emergency training programme is in full swing and the fire brigade has ordered special equipment from Israel manufacturers and from abroad.

Beersheba Gets Loan For Shelters

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — The Municipality has received a substantial Government loan for shelters. Building is to start in a few days with the first shelters to be set up in schools. It was decided that kindergartens would not have shelters, since in case of an emergency, children of up to five years of age would be kept at home. However, no provision has been made for a sudden attack, or for those children whose parents are both working.

The town has also received a new siren.

Role of Individual In Civil Defence Stressed

"The individual citizen must realize the importance of civil defence", the Minister of the Interior, Mr. I. Bar-Yehuda, stressed when he addressed a meeting at the Jerusalem Journalists Association on Saturday night. He stated that it was wrong to wait for the Government to take the lead, or to relay on outside help. We could only defend ourselves against an invader if we had a strong Army and an organized civil population.

The Haifa exercise had shown the response of the citizens to be quick and disciplined, but they must feel that they had a real defence, not just a shield marked "shelter" over their heads. The old-established services such as the Magen David Adom and the fire brigade had worked speedily and efficiently, but the newer services had not shown the same coordination. There had been thousands of volunteers, but the need was for half the number of persons and increased speed in the services they gave.

Two committees had been set up by the Government to decide upon essential equipment and supplies for defence that had to be ordered domestically and abroad. There was a need to set up hundreds of first aid posts and fire stations and to train thousands of persons in first aid, rescue work and fire fighting.

In answer to questions, the Minister said that the implementation of the Civil Defence Law was the responsibility of the Minister of Defence. The Ministry of Interior had distributed the grant for shelter building over the entire country, and it was hoped that the first settlements would have their shelters completed this week.

Herzliya Rabies

The Herzliya police announce that the dog which has been biting people and animals in the area has been destroyed by the District Veterinary Department. Examination showed that the dog suffered from rabies.

Any person bitten by this dog should go at once to Kupat Holim. Dogs or other animals which have been bitten should be brought to Dr. Dreyfus, the veterinary surgeon in Herzliya.

TRIAL SHIPMENT OF MATZOT SNAPPED UP

A trial shipment of Passover *matzot* to New York was sold out with surprising rapidity, the Religious Items Export Section of the Ministry for Religious Affairs announced yesterday.

It had previously been reported that the U.S. Government forbade the entry of Israel *matzot* on the grounds that they do not meet the requirements of its Pure Food and Drug Law.

UNESCO SPONSORS RESEARCH IN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A UNESCO-sponsored station for observation of arid areas will be opened in Beersheba in July, Mr. Y. Avnon of the Foreign Ministry, told the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club last week. The Beersheba centre will be one of four which UNESCO will establish in various parts of the world.

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Baby Born in Bus, Another in Street

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — A baby boy was born in an Egged bus on its way here at about 9.30 this morning. The driver of the bus, Mr. Moshe Levita, acted as midwife. The mother, Rahel Kahlom of Moshav Shuva, and the child were brought immediately to Hadassah Hospital here and are reported to be doing well.

Last Thursday, a woman stopped the driver of the Sde Boker ambulance in one of the streets of the town and asked to be taken to hospital as she was not feeling well. She had just given birth in the street. On arrival at the hospital she gave birth to a second child. The mother and twins are doing well.

4 Burmese Women Officers Arrive

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday.— A group of four women officers of the Burmese Air Force arrived today by El Al "to learn at first hand about the structure and organization of the Women's Forces in Israel." Hla Than, Khin Hla Win, Yin Yin and Nyo Nyo were the first women to join Burma's armed forces and all bear the rank of flying officer.

One of the things which interests the four officers is the uniform of the women soldiers here because the Burmese Army has not yet decided on uniforms for its women soldiers, and it is possible that the Israel style may be followed.

Wearing multicoloured saris under their winter coats, the members of the unusual military delegation attracted much attention as they left the aircraft. *(Itim)*

Technion Turns Down Television Offer

HAIFA, Sunday. — A generous offer by a large American television manufacturer to equip the new buildings of the Technion, with an internal TV system was politely refused by Technion authorities on the grounds that at this stage it would constitute a luxury in Israel.

The offer came from Mr. Milton J. Shapp, President of the Jerrold Electronics Corp. of Philadelphia, which specializes in the installation of TV equipment in American universities.

It is learned that Mr. Shapp, while expressing regret that his gift was not accepted, has now offered to provide other electronic equipment and test machinery to help the Technion carry on its regular teaching programme in electronics and electrical engineering.

Scholars Dispute Jesus Was Essene

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Controversy over the interpretation of scrolls found near the Dead Sea has intensified in Britain with a new attack on the claim made by British expert, Dr. John Allegro, that the documents show parallels between the life of Jesus of Nazareth and that of a Jewish leader crucified more than a century earlier.

In a recent broadcast, Dr. Allegro declared the scrolls revealed that an ancient Jewish sect, the Qumran, expected their priestly master, the Teacher of Righteousness, to to return after crucifixion as the messianic high priest of Israel.

Five scholars of the Palestine Archaeological Museum led by Father Roland de Vaux, have declared in a letter to "The Times" that Dr. Allegro's findings were unjustified. "We find no crucifixion of the Teacher, no deposition from the cross, and no broken body of their master to be stood guard over until judgment day. Therefore, there is no well-defined Essenic pattern into which Jesus of Nazareth fits," as Dr. Allegro is alleged in one report to have said.

Dr. Allegro, however, said, "It is clear that they have made a different inference from the findings. They draw their inferences, other scholars will make theirs." He alleged many similarities and pointed to a common religious background for the early Christian church and the Qumran sect. "It is not difficult to see how the disciples and Jesus himself came into contact with Qumran doctrines and documents."

Dr. Allegro, Lecturer in Philology at the University of Manchester and one of two British members of an international team translating the documents, said that a large part of the work would be published in a few months' time and scholars would then be able to judge for themselves.

WALLS OF HEROD'S PALACE FOUND

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Cemented walls of Herod's palace and bits of mosaic have been discovered by a joint group of the Hebrew University, the Israel Exploration Society and the Government Antiquities Department which wound-up excavating at Massada, overlooking the Dead Sea, on Friday.

The group is led by Dr. Y. Aharoni and Mr. S. Gutman.

SCIENTIFIC MEETING IN RAMAT GAN

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Problems of science in Israel will be debated by representatives of seven leading scientific societies at a conference of scientists, the first of its kind in this country, to open at the Orden Cinema in Ramat Gan tomorrow night. The conference will last for four days.

The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, is expected to be present at the opening, and Professor A. Katchalsky will make the initial address.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR 'JOKE' ABDUCTION

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday. — Six workers of the Arigei Led textile factory were today each given suspended sentences of a fortnight in prison and fined IL50 by Magistrate A. Graf. They were found guilty of abducting Carlo Goldberg, the chief mechanic in the factory, who had taken a job elsewhere.

The accused claimed it was all a joke, intended to show Goldberg's new employer how urgently he was needed in Lydda and that Goldberg was party to the hoax.

BIBLE CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY

Addresses by Dr. A. Biram and President B. Mazar of the Hebrew University will open the Fourth National Bible Conference at 5 p.m. today in Jerusalem's Orion Hall.

The speakers at the second session, which begins at 8.30, include Professor S. Goitein and Dr. Yigael Yadin.

The four-day conference is being held under the auspices of the Israel Biblical Research Society and the Teachers Association and is devoted to the Biblical period of the Kings.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS MEET

Physical education teachers from all over the country gathered in the Rehavia Secondary School, Jerusalem, yesterday evening for the opening of the 27th national convention of their organization.

The conference, which concludes today, will be followed by three days of advanced physical education training at the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem.

Last night's session was addressed by Professor Y. Leibowitz, of the Hebrew University.

FRENCH GOV'T OFFERS 10 SCHOLARSHIPS

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The French Government is to give 10 scholarships to Israel students for study in France during 1956/57, the French Embassy announced today. Five will be for Hebrew University students. Students of other educational institutions should apply to the French Cultural Attache, 111 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel Aviv, no later than April 22.

ROYALTY. — King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece will pay a three-day official visit to France on June 5, it was announced in Paris yesterday.

Alabama Negroes Face Trial Today

MONTGOMERY, Alabama, Sunday (UP) — More than 90 leaders of Montgomery's Negro community will gather in a century-old courthouse tomorrow when the curtain rises on perhaps the most dramatic act yet in this city's celebrated bus boycott.

The Negro leaders, including 25 Ministers, are defendants in 11 indictments returned by a Grand Jury on February 21 charging them with conspiracy to boycott segregated city buses.

The trials will be played out against a background of an unprecedented race boycott that has not faltered since it began on December 5—not even when racial tension reached its highest peak at the time of the grand jury report.

Tension between Negroes and Whites has eased since then, but city buses still are practically devoid of Negro passengers and the bus company recently announced further cutbacks on service. It also raised fares.

The boycott was touched off by the arrest of a Negro seamstress, Rosa Parks, who is also a defendant in the boycott cases. She was convicted of failing to observe the "Jim Crow" laws on the buses, and as a result, Negro leaders called a "one-day protest" that has stretched into 14 weeks and shows no signs of ending.

Negro leaders formed the Montgomery Improvement Association, composed primarily of Ministers, that has given the boycott leadership. The Association organized car pools to get Negroes to work.

The boycotters have stuck steadfastly to their demand for a "first come, first served" seating policy on the buses in the face of rejections by city officials and the bus lines. They said that the new policy would prevent Negroes from having to stand on buses when there were empty seats in the White sections and would put an end to Negroes having to vacate their seats and stand so that Whites might sit.

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Cables in Brief

DIAMONDS. — The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission yesterday offered to turn diamonds green or brown by "gem irradiation" but warned dealers that it would be an unfair trade practice not to tell a customer that stone was artificially coloured.

STRIKE. — Finland's 18-day-old general strike will be extended today to factory furnaces and petrol stations.

Experts Study Aswan Dam Construction

GRENOBLE, Sunday (Reuter). — Dam experts from six countries yesterday ended a week's study on the technical problems of building the proposed Aswan dam in Egypt.

Experts from Britain, the U.S., Egypt, West Germany, France, and Sweden, worked with a number of scale models at a hydraulic laboratory here. The President of the Aswan Authority and the Egyptian Production Minister, Wing-Commander Hassan Ibrahim arrived here on Wednesday to take part in the closing session of the conference.

The main aim of the study was to define the general characteristics of the dam, of temporary bypass channels, and sluice gates to go in them.

The draft project includes the building of gates which would let through 1,800 cubic metres of water a second for irrigation while the dam is built, and 7,000 cubic metres a second while the Nile is in flood. The lake formed by the dam is expected to have a capacity of 135,000m. cubic metres.

NAMIR

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however, was unreservedly to serve the interests of the State as far as development of this country is concerned, Mr. Namir said.

While the trade union movement had surrendered to the State its "rights in education," there was need for Histadrut ideals to be inculcated into secondary schools.

Mr. Namir claimed that the "haves" had shown that they lack a serious approach to the State, if they chose this time to call for a "Poujadist" campaign against taxes.

Turning to the Arab question, Mr. Namir said that Arab citizens now had their say in matters that affected all workers in the State and particularly so in specific Arab affairs. Nothing prevented an Arab labourer from joining a trade union. Thousands of Arab workers were now getting equal pay with their Jewish opposites. All Histadrut benefits were automatically at the disposal of Arabs. The Central Financing Fund for Arab Cooperatives is giving widespread aid to the Arab section of the Histadrut. Also, Arab women were receiving instruction.

"We are doing this because the brotherhood of workers is one of the basic ideals of the Histadrut," Mr. Namir said.

The Secretary-General dwelt at length on the rapid development of the Histadrut since the last Convention six-and-a-half years ago. Two-thirds of all current Histadrut members had joined since then, which meant that this convention was actually the first for the majority of members.

Mr. Namir traced the achievements of the Histadrut and its part in immigrant absorption. Forty per cent of all Tnuva's produce was supplied by newcomers. Shikun, the Histadrut housing company, had built 32,700 housing units, and 20 per cent of all Histadrut members lived in Popular Housing estates. Solel Boneh employed 22,000 workers, and had a turnover of IL158m. Hamashbir Hamercazi had a IL88m. turnover.

BEN-GURION

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ship of producing agencies. Industries run by the workers are quite likely to degenerate, while making a profit, if their managers fail to use the concerns for pioneering initiative in developing backward areas. The State of Israel is not Socialist, but nor is it capitalist," he declared. Our aim must be the creation of a free and prosperous nation, and for this the influx of private capital must be encouraged.

Two Nations

The real division in this country was between veteran and newcomer. This rift must be mended speedily for social as well as security reasons. The Prime Minister added that any attempt to raise the standard of living was dangerous for public morale, especially of newcomers who live in border areas.

Mr. Ben-Gurion declared that the Histadrut should hand over to the Government such "functions of national interest" as labour exchanges and the exploitation of water resources, in the same way as defence has become the sole responsibility of the Army. He did not favour nationalization of Kupat Holim, because there was a social element in that institution. He did feel that every person in the State should be assured of health services by the State if he is not a member of any sick fund, and Kupat Holim should be incorporated into the national health system.

Reverting to security affairs, Mr. Ben-Gurion declared that the Soviet Union must have known when it approved the Czech-Egyptian arms deal that these arms were intended for use against Israel. Equally astonishing is the British and American stand in denying Israel arms for defence.

"And although I am not yet prepared to say that there is no longer any hope of obtaining defensive arms in time to prevent war, we must not rely too much on the favours of the Powers; we must prepare for our own defence on the assumption that we must rely on our own capacity, and on our own capacity alone," he asserted.

"It was the level-headedness of the Yishuv in 1948 which rescued it from the Arab invasions. The nation must appreciate that, in the first stages of war, Egyptian superiority in weapons, particularly planes, will wreak much destruction. That is why immediate steps must be taken to prepare civil defence in villages and towns.

But at the end of this first stage, the Israel Army will destroy the Egyptians, Mr. Ben-Gurion declared. "I have no doubt that we shall beat them, despite their Soviet arms."

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Between East and West – Points of Conflict

By GERDA LUFT

IN one of the new villages in the Lachish area, the instructress was very proud of the jar of sauerkraut which one of her charges had made under her supervision. In the hut of the woman who was being taught the new recipe, strips of mutton were strung on a rope over the toddler's bed. Abroad, these people had been largely meat eaters, used to drying mutton with the help of salt and sun, then seasoning it heavily when they cooked it. They did not understand our brand of Arabic and spoke no European language, so that we could not find out whether they liked the sauerkraut and the cottage cheese they were being taught to prepare in order to insure them a balanced diet; but the women certainly looked bewildered.

The people of the village, a closely-knit community back in North Africa, are now being moved from their wooden huts, which appear pretty dilapidated by now, to new and comfortable houses. In the short time they have been working here they have already saved up money and invested it in the drab standard furniture that they identify with Western taste.

They cover their beds with cheap ready-made spreads; but underneath these "modern" fabrics we discovered beautifully hand-woven blankets in strong, somewhat barbaric colours. The women, bent on conforming with what they knew of Western culture, were apparently not eager to display them.

The women of the house, who went about with babies slung in a sack over their shoulders, had made these blankets themselves. When we asked the staff whether the newcomers were being encouraged to continue this craft, the answer was in the negative. If they did, we were told, they would again neglect their children, which they were being taught to nurse in a modern, hygienic manner; they would not work in the garden and in the fields. Later on, when these people, who used to raise sheep abroad, would get flocks of their own, they would have their own wool and be encouraged to practise their ancient craft.

The village, we hasten to add, was not typical in this respect. The endeavours of WIZO and Maskit have taught many of the instructors that it is worthwhile to preserve handicrafts; but the disquieting fact remains that even today the immigrants are more or less forced to neglect a craft which is not only a source of income but also a means of self-expression, and come to hide their most beautiful possessions under ugly mass-produced textiles.

It is good that preparations are at last being made to encourage handicrafts at Lachish. If they were held off much longer, it is doubtful whether the immigrants would return to their old craft. Even if they still commanded their skill and their feeling for texture and colour by then, their attitude would have changed.

There is a hut which serves as a clubhouse in this same village. The walls are covered with propaganda material aimed at oldtimers: Histadrut placards, publicity of the party "in charge" of this particular settlement, Defence Fund posters, etc. There is a machine-made atmosphere about this hall, which could have been put up anywhere from a new workers' village in Galilee to the far-off new town of Dimona in the Negev. A pile of children's exercise books is neatly stacked in a corner.

Everyone of the copy-books begins with the drawings that very young children make, then goes on until the first recognizable letters emerge and these in turn blend, in the end, into whole words painfully drawn to a pattern.

These are not children's books. They belong to the women, all with children on their arms or over their backs, who come into the hut in the evenings and learn to write. At the beginning they are shy and have to be coaxed. Later they make progress.

The hands which struggle so awkwardly with a pencil are very skilful in fashioning the beautiful blankets that are so shamefacedly hidden under the ugly bedspreads. Isn't there perhaps a better way of teaching them to write than this painful business of putting them back to school? And what shall we give them to read afterwards? The posters on the wall cannot mean a thing to them. The young teachers of the Beersheba district who try to understand the needs of immigrant children are already deeply worried over the lack of reading matter even for pupils of secondary schools.

In a *moshav* in the South, the parents accused the teacher of enticing their little girls into immodesty. The girls had come to the kindergarten with their long skirts trailing in the mud, and the teacher had cut them shorter without asking the parents for their consent or explaining the reason. That the parents strongly suspected the teacher's virtue owing to her modern dress and her natural relations with other members of the instructor team goes without saying. The teacher rightly feels insulted; but the parents see their whole world, a world in which the father's every wish is law and in which the girls' modesty has to be protected from an early age, come crashing down about them.

Child care, of course, is one of the main fields in which conflict is created between instructors and newcomers as age-old beliefs are challenged and the authority of mothers and grandmothers undermined. There is the story of the Persian-born mother who was scolded by the instructing nurse because she fed her baby whenever it began to cry.

A visiting doctor asked the nurse whether she hadn't heard about the "demand schedule." She said she had but insisted the newcomer must first learn to discipline herself.

In a *moshav* of immigrants from India we found a mother squatting on her heels before a primus stove, preparing dinner on the floor, which had been swept immaculately clean. The young instructor, who came from one of the older *moshavim*, felt a need to apologize to us and said indignantly that he had told the women again and again not to do their work on the floor but to use a table and a chair.

We seemed wholly unconscious that for an Easterner squatting on one's heels is as natural as sitting in a chair for us; but for him the floor was associated with dirt and he could not bring himself to think of it as a place that is carefully swept and covered with matting on which you never tread with shoes on, as these are left at the door.

It would be possible to give many more examples of this kind of interference, which is always well-intentioned but often misinformed about the importance and the interdependence of the immigrants' customs and beliefs. Besides, how can the instructors learn about these customs and beliefs if they are not interested in them and if they do not know the newcomers' native language?

When asked about this all-important point, the young *sabra* instructor is more often than not apt to shrug his shoulders and say that the quicker his charges learned Hebrew and forgot their native language the better. She does not feel that th lack of understanding of their old world by the new is one of the severest obstacles to adjustment. Nor does she understand that interference at a point where it is not absolutely essential endangers influence at the crucial points.

This is the fourth in a series of articles. The first three appeared on March 7, 8 and 9.

The Summit talks in Cairo: Shukri Kuwatly, President of Syria, King Saud, and Abdul Nasser.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS — Histadrut Convention

MANY a member of the Histadrut, writes "Omer" (Histadrut) on the morning of the Eighth Convention opening, is dissatisfied with the Federation's activities, but the fact that mistakes have been made proves that there has been no inaction. "Davar" (Histadrut) writes that though all parties of the Federation are participating in Israel's present Government, differences of opinion have not been dissolved, but an important obstacle in the way of a favourable atmosphere has been removed. Labour is now looking forward to a discussion that will propel the Histadrut ahead towards fresh achievements.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) charges that a number of basic labour ideals have been lost sight of in the course of our labour "conquests." The Eighth Convention can and must mark a turning point by returning to first principles.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) notes, not without pride, the achievements of the Histadrut since its seventh convention in 1951, but remarks that the long lapse in time for achieving labour unity has delayed greater progress. The present Convention must mark the beginning of a spate of activity to make up for lost time.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) charges the leadership is losing touch with the members of the Federation, who have become mere cogs in a great machine, and with calling conventions as a formal gesture only in order to have its mandate renewed and then again disappear from the public eye and ignore the needs and demands of the working class.

"Haboker" (General Zionists) writes that today no one deludes himself any longer as to the political character of the Histadrut. Still, the paper should like to express the modest hope that the present Convention will be able to rise above class instincts and ambitions and find itself free to consider the interests of the State as a whole as a last historic chance to weld the people of Israel into one united community.

"Hamodia" (World Agudа) writes that what is most surprising about the Histadrut is the fact that the membership has almost no say in determining the federation's policies and leadership. The ordinary member is nothing more than a servant of the interests of pressure groups in key positions. While the paper does not detract from the rights of the Histadrut in the field of labour organization, it does take the federation to task for its undisputed responsibility for anti- and non-religious manifestations in its ranks, and holds out no hopes that the present convention will correct this tendency.

"Hatsofe" (World Mizrahi) writes that the Soviet gesture to make amends by publishing the works of Jewish writers sent to their death during the Stalin regime is not enough to indicate a change of heart. Other peoples in the U.S.S.R. enjoy the right of fostering their national culture, while the Jews are still being prevented from creating religious, cultural and educational institutions, effecting living contact with the rest of world Jewry or emigrating to Israel if they so desire.

At the Cinema

IT is always a pleasure to have a reunion with Charlie Chaplin and "Modern Times" (Or Gil, J'lem) ranks as a masterpiece of cinematographic art, even if it carries the seeds of that debatable crusading mission which became predominant in Chaplin's later production. Some scenes, of course, are definitely dated, but others remain timeless. Here the clown is still all-important—the Chaplin clown who, even if Charlie would never concede it, is the very personification of self-deprecating Jewish wit. It is a pity that we will never see that last and crowning Chaplin film, the story of the little man with the bowler stumbling from an immigrans ship in Haifa...

For Circus Fans

"THREE-RING Circus" (Zion), will be enormously enjoyed by Jerusalem's friends of circus art. There are several fine action shots. Zsa Zsa Gabor and Joanne Dru are both worth seeing. Jerry Lewis is at his funniest best, and even better in the tiny scene with the police-stricken child.

Worth Seeing

"THE View from Pompey's Night," by Dahn Ben Aviv) is being held over at the "Orion." It is a beautiful, almost wise film and would be my pick for the week, were it not for "Roman Holiday" at the "Studio." If you haven't seen Audrey Hepburn in this picture, it would be unforgivable to miss the second chance.

Short with Atmosphere

A SHORT, "A Day and a Night," by Dahn Ben Amotz and Sh. Zuriano, has been shown at the Keren Hayesod. It is the simple documentary narration of a day and a night in a hill village, settled by Kurdish Jews. The harshness of the soil, the hard monotonous life are convincingly presented without "corn" or fuss. The mood of the night shots, accentuated by the dripping tap and jarringly broken by the barking watchdog, will be difficult to forget.

Jerusalem Art: Important Poster Exhibition

FOR the first time in Israel art history, a jury has reported to the public on its decision, and done so in an internationally accepted fashion. The jury that picked the poster for the 24th Zionist Congress — Messrs. J. Aschheim, R. Dayan, S. U. Nahon, M. Narkiss and M. Spitzer — is exhibiting all the entries at the Bezalel Museum and has accompanied the show with a catalogue containing the panel's reasoned decisions.

One must wholly concur with the judges' hope, expressed in the foreword to the catalogue, "that this practice will be accepted in connection with other competitions." It is a pity, however, that no invitations were issued for the opening of this really important exhibition, which closes this week. Your critic stumbled in a few days later, quite accidentally, and must apologize for this belated report.

As for the selection our vote would have gone to Zvi Narkiss' sensitive design, which shared third place, instead of to Menahem Berman's design, which would be identical with the U.N. flag were it not for a superimposed menora and for the lettering. A design which is clearly unsuitable for a Congress poster but should be recommended to the Tourist Corporation as a travel poster of the highest standard is No. 25 (only the names of the prize-winners were published).

Th. P.M.

Readers' Letters

LIVELIHOOD

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — For over three years, a small number of taxis have been operating in Hayim Oser Street, Petah Tikva, with the knowledge and approval of the authorities concerned.

A few months ago, these taxi owners applied for an official taxi station at the place of their regular work. Instead of authorising this station for its legitimate users, the Municipality has set up a taxi station for 11 new taxis which have never operated in this area before, and excluded all the taxis which have been operating here for the past few years. As a result of this action, a number of families have been deprived of their means of livelihood and chaos brought into their homes.

Yours, etc.
JOSEPH OBADIAH
Petah Tikva, February 13.

Municipality Replies

Your correspondent, and those in whose name he writes, never received a licence from the Traffic Committee for a station at this place and there is no basis for any complaints. Of the four taxi owners, two park at another station and have no right to receive an additional place. One of the drivers is connected with a certain institution, on whose behalf he drives most of the day. The writer of the letter is the only one who is really entitled to make any demands and to receive a parking place.

The drivers to whom the station was given are residents of Petah Tikva and are discharged soldiers and war invalids.

We suggested that your correspondent and another driver join the group who have been authorized by the Traffic Committee and that they should alternate the rides. We regret that they did not agree to this proposal and we therefore could not ignore the seven drivers, who are residents of Petah Tikva.

P. RABBISH
Mayor of Petah Tikva
February 20.

NATURE NOTES

Golden Hamster News

HAVING started a Golden Hamster craze in a modest way, I feel bound to report to readers and hamster keepers about the goings-on of my tribe. I now have 17 individuals, and except for one lady, of whom more anon, they have given me nothing but pleasure. They are also much more lively in the daytime, now that the cold weather is over.

The most charming to watch, of course, are those still in the nursery, even though their mother is quite a ferocious animal. Her second litter consists of nine, and when they first emerged from the nest on their own—ten days old and the size of my little finger, she would start out after them, take them by the scruff (as do dogs and cats with their young) and deposit them in the nest somewhat forcefully. But with nine, she had her hands full in the literal sense of the word.

Once when she had pursued and caught one truant and was carrying him back, walking on her hind legs, as usual, she met a second one on pleasure bent. For a moment she stood transfixed, then found a way: she took No. 2 in her arms and thus safely conveyed both back to the nest!

She is not the lady causing me heartaches. It is a sister of hers, who seems born to be a spinster. I experimented, but she will have none of the bachelors available. They have tried fair means and foul, the latter including biting her lovely ears to frazzles! — and in the end I separated her from her suitors. The prettiest thing she did was, when more or less safely ensconced within her tin, she bothered to put out a tiny pink hand and push the importunate suitor off!

P. A.

KEEPING POSTED

EARTHQUAKE stories are like near-thing bomb stories; everybody has their own and treasures it. Strictly according to temperament, the quake breaks the one vase you liked, or the one you had been trying to get rid of for years. The least frightening story we heard this time comes from a couple happily preoccupied with domestic affairs. When the first jolt came they ran into the kitchen to see whether their new refrigerator had got out of control and was shaking the house. While they were there there was another tremor, and that key on their balcony door that always rattles if you don't double-lock the door jerked round and unlocked itself and the door flew open, as though to let in the Prophet Elijah for his cup of wine a week ahead of Passover.

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BUT why wait for an earthquake for manifestations in the kitchen? Friends in a new shikun on the windy outskirts of Jerusalem report that their windows are so badly fitted that they can't use their gas cooker on a stormy day because the draught blows it out even with all the doors and windows shut.

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WHILE it is not likely that future historians will record that Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the British Foreign Secretary, left an unforgettable impression on the people with whom he spoke here, an employee at the airport writes that she was considerably impressed at the total impassivity with which he faced the unfortunate dropping of a tray of soft drinks practically at his feet. "The British are traditionally calm," she writes, "and difficult to impress. Perhaps we should have shaken him up a little. I couldn't help wondering whether the good-looking guard of Israel soldiers would not have been more impressive if on the command "Present arms" they had expectantly extended their hands towards him to illustrate just what they meant. And if he failed to look surprised even then, we would just have had to give up."

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THERE are other pitfalls for visiting politicians. The Irish Prime Minister, Mr. John Costello, has just been on a visit to the United States, where he has almost as many compatriots as the Israel Prime Minister. He prepared for a formal address at the National Press Club in Washington and was well into an eloquent portrayal of United States links with Ireland when he turned to the Irish ambassador and said indignantly "My God! That's the wrong speech I'm making." He had glanced ahead in the text and discovered that he was reading the speech he was to deliver in the Senate later on the same day. Happily one of the aides had brought along a copy of the other speech as well, and the meeting was able to proceed.

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NOW that there is an attractive cafe at Eilat, a cafe wise-guy has developed. It seems that most of the talk there turns on the British soldiers at Akaba, so near Eilat and so far from home. (When you think how Israel soldiers complain down there, he says, can you figure what the talk is over in the Akaba barracks?) Mr. Dulles says there is no point giving us arms because we couldn't use as many as the Arabs anyhow. And if they have 30 times as many people as we have, we can't expect anything more until they also have 30 times as many arms as we have. The wise guy adds that instead of criticising Mr. Dulles we should be glad that nobody expects us to give up a rifle every time one of our people is murdered, just to keep the account straight.

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ON Wednesday The Jerusalem Post expects to distribute to its readers an 8-page supplement devoted to the progress of the oil industry in Israel. It is just possible that the supplement might have appeared two days earlier but for an unfortunate clash between the oil interests and the Clean up Your City campaign. The connection is not as sinister as it sounds, for it began with a new office cleaner installed in our press, the still unskilled relative of a recently arrived Yemenite worker who has been doing a similar job in the offices upstairs. Apparently his instructions gave the new man no details beyond the fact that everything was to be clean and tidy. When the staff turned up again after his first night's work, they discovered he had cleared away all those strips of used paper hanging on nails all over the place, with print and scribblings taking up all the room, so that nobody could possibly want them any longer. He also removed some piles of papers lying stacked on the floor, again scribbled all over, and many of them stained with black smudges or drops of oil. That was the copy for the oil supplement that had already been set up, and became a little soiled on the machines, while the strips were, of course, the corrected galley proofs. The worst of it is that Jerusalem did not get noticeably cleaner in the process.

Today's contributors include G.C., Lydda, and D.S.G., Eilat.

HAIFA MUNICIPALITY
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The Haifa Municipality has begun building shelters in schools and public places at full speed. The work is proceeding in all parts of the city and its suburbs.
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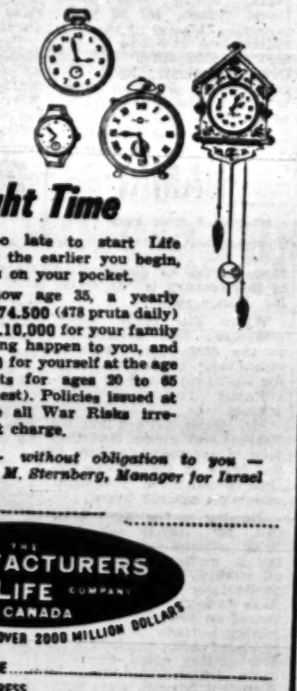

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